

Appln No. 10/760226
Amdt. Dated: August 07, 2006
Response to Office Action of June 14, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of June 14, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendments:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit the subject matter incorporated in the previous Amendment and to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 12;
dependent claims 10 and 11 are cancelled in accordance with amended claim 1;
dependent claim 12 is amended in accordance with amended claim 1;
new dependent claims 49 is added reciting the subject matter omitted from pending claim 1; and
dependent claims 2, 3, 5-9 and 14-18 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Drawing Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendments to the drawings and specification provide the corrections required by the Examiner.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the art rejections of the claims over previously cited Taylor '035 in view of previously cited Newby, Sirianni, Dong '519, Lanoue, Dong '579, Jamet, Taylor '931 and Marcoux further in view of newly cited Cocchi (US 5,450,949) based on the above-described amendment to independent claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 12 and for at least the reasons given by the Examiner in the Allowable Subject Matter section of the current and previous Office Actions.

Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

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The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of pending claims 12 under the conditions stated in the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

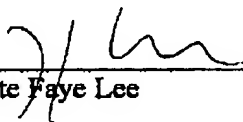
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